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ANDREW DAVENPORT CUT BY T. GRIFF WILLIAMS

WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AT
BARBECUE AT OLD TOWN.

The Two Versions of the Affair—Difficultly Occurred on Morning of July 4—Williams in Saluda.

In a difficulty at a barbecue at Old Town, on July 4, Mr. Andrew Davenport, who lives on Mr. H. H. Rikard's place, four miles west of Newberry, was badly stabbed by Mr. T. Griff Williams. Davenport was brought to Newberry on the Southern train reaching here about noon, and had his wounds dressed by Dr. Houseal. There were bad slashes in the right shoulder. The cuts were deep, and in a dangerous place. With no complications, however, a safe recovery is hoped for. It was reported Thursday that Mr. Davenport was not having a good day. Dr. Houseal was again summoned Thursday afternoon.

A dispatch from Wards in the News and Courier of Thursday morning says that Williams has placed himself in the custody of Sheriff Sample, of Saluda county, awaiting the results of the trouble, and that "in case Davenport should die Williams will at once surrender himself to Sheriff Buford at Newberry." The difficulty occurred in Newberry county, and Mr. Williams is a resident of Newberry. He was acting as liquor constable in Saluda county until removed by Governor Blease upon advice from Saluda that a constable was no longer needed in that county.

The statements differ materially as to the difficulty. One version of it is given at length in the dispatch from Wards published herewith.

Davenport's Version.

Davenport told his side of it, after he was cut, to the effect that he walked into the store at Old Town and saw Williams sitting down in the store with his coat hanging up by him, and a pistol sticking out of one pocket and an open knife out of the other. Davenport said that some time prior Williams had seized some liquor from one of Davenport's kinsmen, and had told Davenport's brother, in the presence of a crowd, that he was going to take him to Saluda as a witness, as he knew all about it. Davenport said when he walked in the store Williams told him he supposed he was pretty hot about the matter. Davenport says he replied that he did not think Williams ought to have slurred his brother Will in the presence of a crowd. (This brother, according to Davenport, is the one Williams had told he was going to take to Saluda as a witness because he knew all about the liquor.) Davenport said that Williams told him he wasn't going to take any "slack talk" and reached for his pistol and his knife, whereupon he told Williams he was not armed, and Williams put down the pistol and stabbed at him with the knife, missing him. Davenport says he then caught Williams and threw him down, and when Davenport was caught and was being held by four men Williams stabbed him.

Williams' Side of the Matter.

Following is the dispatch from Wards giving Williams' side of the matter:

Wards, July 5.—Mr. Griffin Williams, of Newberry, who so seriously and perhaps fatally cut Andrew Davenport, a white man, at Old Town yesterday, came to Saluda, this morning and placed himself in the custody of Sheriff Sample, awaiting the results of yesterday's trouble. From what can be learned here Williams tried hard to avoid trouble with Davenport at Old Town yesterday, where a Fourth of July barbecue was served. Old Town is just across the Saluda river in Newberry county; both men are Newberrians.

It appears that several days ago Williams, who was working as a constable in Saluda county, seized some whiskey found in the possession of Cary McCarthy, near Denny's. Last week, so the story goes, while Williams was at Silverstreet, in Newberry county, Davenport approached him and stated that he, Williams, had gotten one of his, Davenport's kinsmen in trouble over in Saluda county, referring to the seizure of Cary McCarthy's liquor, and he tried to involve Williams in a difficulty about it. It is said that Davenport cursed Williams on that occasion and said some pretty tough things to him. It is likewise stated that Williams kept his head and although urged by some of his friends to resent what Davenport said, made the statement that inasmuch as he was an officer he would not allow himself to be drawn into a difficulty. Yesterday at Old Town, Davenport again approached Williams and rebuked him for taking McCarthy's liquor and saying that inasmuch as one of his kinsmen had been gotten into trouble, Williams would have to get him into trouble.

The story goes that Williams tried to avoid any difficulty and quietly walked away, going to Chapman's store. It seems that Davenport followed him, and after some words attacked him. In the tussle both men went out of the store door in the little piazza at the front; here the fight was continued and one of Williams's legs got fastened between some slats nailed around as banisters, and swaying backward fell and Davenport fell over him and out on the ground. While in this position it is said that Davenport collared Williams and the latter reached for his knife and gashed him across the muscle of the left arm and across the heart. As soon as he was cut Davenport, it seems, loosed his grip on Williams and running a short distance fell; he bled profusely, and it was thought he would bleed to death before medical aid could be had. A phone message from Newberry this morning stated that he was not dead, but is in a critical condition. Williams came across Saluda river after the trouble and spent last night in this county. This morning on hearing that Davenport was dead he came to Saluda and delivered himself into the hands of Sheriff Sample; he is now occupying a room at the Herlong hotel.

Mr. Williams is a brother-in-law to Governor Blease, and until a few days ago was operating in this county as a special constable. Upon being advised by the supervisor that a constable was not needed in the county both Williams and R. L. Werts, who was also a constable, were dismissed by Governor Blease. In case Davenport should die Williams will at once surrender himself to Sheriff Buford at Newberry.

James Andrew Riser.

James Andrew Riser was born December 31, 1832, and departed this life June 28, 1911, aged 78 years, five months and 27 days. He is survived by his wife, six daughters, three sons, 25 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one sister, besides many relatives and friends to mourn his departure. His body, weak and worn out, was laid to rest in the family graveyard nearby, in accordance with his wish. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. I. E. Long. A tribute of love was very tenderly said by Rev. J. A. Sligh, D. D., who was a life-long friend of the deceased brother. He was a member of good standing in Bethlehem Lutheran church, with which he identified himself early in life. For more than three years he served as a soldier in the Confederate war. He was a devoted husband and a loving father.

In this sad hour may the God of peace and love comfort the widowed wife and fatherless children. "My grace is sufficient."

Death of Mr. James A. Riser.

Mr. James A. Riser died at his home near Pomaria Wednesday of last week aged 79 years. He lived in the old Riser homestead where his ancestors for many generations had resided. He was buried in the family burying ground on the plantation on Thursday of last week. Mr. Riser is survived by his widow and nine children, six daughters and three sons as follows: Mrs. W. J. Ballentine, Mrs. Jno. M. Bickley, of Lexington county; Mrs. Jno. M. Koon, Mrs. Carry Gruber, Mrs. David Koon, Mrs. Edward Koon, of Newberry county; and Mr. Albert F. Riser, of Liberty; Mr. Joe W. Riser, of Columbia; W. R. Riser, of Pageland.

Mr. and Mrs. Riser celebrated their golden wedding several years ago.

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NEWS OF PROSPERITY.

Charming Social Affairs.—Holiday Visitors.—Personal Mention. Other Matters.

Prosperity, July 6.—Miss Tena Wise is visiting Miss Mary Lizzie Duncan, in Greenwood.

Miss Annie Mae Bedenbaugh has returned to her home at Kibler's Bridge, after a visit to the Misses Werts.

Mr. Waldo Rikard, of Newberry, is spending the week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wheeler.

Mrs. G. W. Harmon and little Miss Rebecca Harmon are visiting in Ninety-Six.

Mr. C. C. Wyche, of Spartanburg, is spending his vacation with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Wyche.

Miss Maud Livingston has returned to Saluda after a visit to her sister, Mrs. F. E. Schumpert.

Mrs. J. F. Brown and little daughter, Elizabeth, are spending a month in Fort Royal, Va.

Miss Isoline Wyche is giving a house party to the following young ladies: Misses Lula Craig, Rock Hill; Bess Lane, Dillon; Minnie Hewitt, Marion; and Sadie Goggans, Newberry.

Messrs. J. F. Browne, T. B. Berley and S. B. Bowers attended the hill climbing contest in Columbia Tuesday, making the trip in Mr. Brown's Ford car.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Counis are visiting in Atlanta.

Messrs. H. J. Rawl and W. B. Wise spent the glorious Fourth in Swansea on a fishing trip.

Misses Lena and Laurie Lester, of the Columbia hospital, are spending their vacation here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lester.

Miss Edna Fellers leaves today for a visit to her sister, Mrs. T. J. Littlejohn, at Inman.

Mr. Olin Bobb, of Columbia, is home for a few days' stay.

Dr. R. C. Kibler, of Atlanta, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. Allen Lester left Tuesday for Atlanta. From there he will go to West Point.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Long, of Pomaria, spent the week-end with Mr. J. C. Counts.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bedenbaugh, of Lake City, Fla., are guests of Mrs. L. C. Merchant.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Howard, of Americus, are visiting the latter's sister Mrs. R. T. Pugh.

Mrs. Geo. S. Bearden and daughter, Elizabeth, of Edenton, N. C., and Mr. R. P. Luther, of Atlanta, are spending several weeks with Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Luther.

Mr. S. J. Kohn is in Columbia this week, the guest of Mr. A. H. Kohn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sheppard, of Lake City, Fla., are visiting Mr. W. P. Sheppard.

Mesdames G. Y. Hunter and W. A. Moseley spent this week in Augusta, making the trip in Mrs. Hunter's E. M. F. car.

The Ladies' Missionary union will meet in A. R. P. church July 14 at 5 o'clock.

Mrs. A. G. Wise will be hostess of the Literary Sorosis this afternoon, at which time the following program will be rendered:

"Cling to thy native land, for it is the land of thy fathers"—Schieler.

Vocal Duet—Mrs. Wheeler and Miss Goclose.

"Advantages and Disadvantages of Immigration"—Mrs. Quattlebaum.

"The Divorce, Present, Past, Future"—Married.

"The Livorce, Present, Past, Future"—Mrs. A. G. Wise.

Piano Solo—Mrs. Browne.

Current Events—Mrs. F. E. Schumpert.

The William Lester chapter of U. D. C. will organize a children's chapter Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock, at the home of Miss Ellen Werts. All children who are interested are urged to come.

NOT OUT FOR GOVERNOR.

Leesville, July 5.—In a speech yesterday at Summerland Springs, before an audience of about 1,000 people, Mr. John E. Swearingen, State superintendent of education, said he was not and would not be a candidate for the office of governor. He made a ringing speech on the text book matter and easily had the crowd with him. Congressman Byrnes also spoke.

MR. WICKER RETIRES.

The Rural Letter Carriers Convention in Florence Comes to Close.—A Good Meeting.

Florence, July 6.—The Rural Letter Carriers' association came to a close with a business session here Tuesday night.

Favors Parcel Post.

The resolution committee made their report extending thanks to the local carriers and to the citizens of Florence for their hospitality and this report was amended by a resolution favoring the parcel post which was adopted by a small majority. It was apparent that a good many of the carriers do not favor the parcel post system which has been urged by the department for some time.

Election of Officers.

Mr. Thomas E. Wicker asked to be relieved of the presidency of the association at his time, saying that retiring from the presidency did not mean that he was to retire from the association, but he would ever continue to be one of its loyal members. The election resulted in the choice of Mr. E. W. Comer of Rock Hill. Mr. Comer has held the place of vice president for the past year. P. M. Huff was elected vice president and Mr. Paul K. Crosby was re-elected secretary and treasurer. The old executive committee composed of Messrs. D. C. Clarke, D. R. Fletcher and S. A. Burch was re-elected.

Chester Next Meeting Place.

The cities of Chester, Columbia and Orangeburg, put in bids for the next association. The invitations coming from the chambers of commerce of the two former towns and through Carter Haydon for Orangeburg, but the carriers appeared to be anxious to go to Chester and after a few speeches were made on the subject the vote was taken and Chester was chosen.

NEWS OF WHITMIRE.

Personal Mention of Many People—Family Barbecue Enjoyed—Other Matters.

Whitmire, July 6.—Mrs. George Eddy and sons spent last Sabbath with her sister, Mrs. S. L. Gary.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Jeter were in Newberry on Tuesday last.

Mrs. David McCracken and daughter, Miss Eleanor, have returned home after paying a pleasant trip to Mrs. Frances Lyles and Miss Ellen Lake.

Dr. H. K. Boyd has returned to Whitmire and resumed the practice of his profession.

Miss Sarah Fant, of Newberry, is visiting her uncle, Mr. McD. Metts.

Miss Lynn Verner, of Seneca, and Miss Frances Burns, of Anderson, two charming young ladies, are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Burns.

Miss Mayme McDaniel, of Augusta, is spending the week with her brother, Mr. Sims McDaniel.

Miss Esther Blair, after spending a pleasant week with her sister, Mrs. Jas. Tidmarsh, and making many friends here, has returned to her home at Blair.

Miss Mauldin Graham, of Columbia, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Tidmarsh.

Mr. Marvin E. Abrams has gone to Glenn Springs for a few weeks rest.

Miss Winnie Henderson is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Marvin E. Abrams.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coleman are off for a two weeks vacation in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Tidmarsh visited his relatives here last week. They enjoyed the dance on Friday evening.

Misses Lydie and Helen Coleman, after a pleasant stay with their many friends here, have returned to their home at Coronaca.

Misses Aileen, Tillie and Lizzie Deaver, and Misses Pearl, Mary and Louise Bates, six charming young ladies of Carlisle, have been the guests of Mrs. W. A. Andrews.

Mr. Julian Welsh, of Carlisle, is visiting at Mr. W. A. Andrews.

Mrs. W. H. Watson, of Greenwood and Mrs. J. M. Smith and daughter, of Manning, are visiting Messrs. Tom, Alpheus and Will Watson.

All those connected with the Glenn Lowry Manufacturing company enjoyed a big barbecue given them by the company Tuesday.

The Scotts, Risers, Abrams and others enjoyed a big family barbecue near the brick house Tuesday.

Mr. Eugene Nance and Miss Mae Cobb, both of Whitmire, were married at the home of her father, Mr. G. B. Cobb, Thursday evening. We wish this young couple a happy voyage through life.

NEWS OF BACHMAN CHAPEL.

Sudden Death—Farmers Up With Work—Communion Services at Colony Next Sunday.

Slighs, July 5.—Quite a sad and sudden death occurred near here on last Sunday morning about 5 o'clock when Mrs. Sarah Edwards, wife of Mr. Jess Edwards, who was working with Mr. L. L. Moore, died. She retired on Saturday night seemingly as well as ever and about 3 o'clock Mr. Edwards was awakened by an unusual, strange breathing and called a physician, but of no good, and at about 5 o'clock she passed away. Her remains were buried in the West End cemetery on Monday about 12 o'clock. Burial services being conducted by Rev. J. D. Shealy. Mrs. Edwards leaves besides a husband and four small children, two sisters and one brother. Mr. Edwards has the sympathy of the community.

We have had good rains and the crops are growing nice. The occasional showers are fine.

The farmers are pretty well up with their work now. The young cotton which was so late about coming up looks more favorable and if seasons are right may make fairly good cotton.

There will be communion services at Colony church on next Sunday morning. Preparatory services on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Rev. J. D. Kinard began a series of three sermons on the last preaching day at Colony as follows: First, "The Greatest Loss." Second, "The Greatest Gain." Third, "The Greatest Service." The first one certainly was very interesting.

An invitation will be extended to any one desiring to unite with Colony church either by confirmation or letter.

Mr. M. L. Strauss's fine horse snagged an ugly gash on one of its hips last Tuesday. Mr. Strauss called Dr. Sharp, of Newberry, who dressed the wound nicely and the horse is getting along very well.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Epps, of Laurens, came down to Mr. Epps' mother, Mrs. Jimmie Epps, on last Sunday. Mr. Epps returned home on Tuesday afternoon, and Mrs. Epps and children are remaining a while.

Mrs. J. Maxey Morris, of Newberry, spent a portion of this week with her mother, Mrs. Jimmie Epps.

Master Hayne Boozer, of Newberry, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson this week.

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.

New Names Added—Telephone the Rule—Many Farmers Use Phones.

The new directory of the Southern Bell Telephone company has been delivered to the subscribers in Newberry and Prosperity by Manager T. J. Shriver. The new directory contains all the changes and corrections in listing that have been made since the last directory was printed.

The number of new names appearing in the list would indicate that there are constant additions to the number of subscribers in Newberry and vicinity and the telephone development is continuous.

The Southern Bell company has evolved a plan whereby it furnishes telephone service to farmers and other rural residents on an economical basis. As a result the telephone is now the rule, rather than the exception, on the farm and farmers in all sections of the State are installing telephones in their homes.

Found Him in Columbia.

While in Columbia on Thursday morning Sheriff Buford arrested a negro for whom he was on the lookout, having two warrants for him. Sheriff Buford had been in Columbia on a previous trip hunting for this negro. While in Columbia Thursday on other matters he ran across him.

A SLICK NEGRO.

Darkey Mr. B. E. Julien Was Called to Savannah to Identify—Raised Money Orders.

In the last issue of The Herald and News it was stated that Mr. B. E. Julien had been called to Savannah to identify a negro who had purchased two 15 cents money orders at Helena and had raised one of them—on Waynesboro, Ga.—from 15 cents to \$33.15. The following dispatch from Savannah in regard to this negro and his actions will be of interest:

Savannah, July 4.—Lewis H. Wagner, alias Evan P. Harris, a South Carolina negro who has been troubling the postoffice department for quite a while with his clever money order operations, has confessed a series of his crimes to Inspector A. J. Knight.

Harris told the inspector that he did not commit the crimes for the money he realized upon his operations, but that he might break into the federal penitentiary where he would have the facilities for perfecting an invention with which compressed air has to do. He is an educated negro and is one of the most cunning operators the inspectors have encountered in the colored race for some time.

This case against the man has been practically complete for more than a week, but it was not until this visit of Inspector Knight that the prisoner, who was last week committed by a United States commissioner, to be held for the federal grand jury, would admit his guilt. When Mr. Knight confronted Harris with newly discovered proof, including the prisoner's real name, he immediately changed front and expressed a desire to tell the truth and have it get into the newspapers.

Story of an Invention.

Whether his motive is a correct one or not, the man talks about it in a convincing way. He says he has been working on an invention, but has been unable to complete it for lack of facilities. Some one told him about the variety of tools and assortment of machinery the government has in the penitentiary, and he says he came to conclusion that if he were a prisoner here he could let his inventive inclinations have full play.

There is probably not a bit of sense to this part of the story, though he is able to discuss his idea in an intelligent manner. He will very likely have an opportunity to investigate the inside of the prison in Atlanta, as Inspector Knight intends prosecuting Harris both in Georgia and South Carolina, as he has been operating in the two States. The first case will be made in South Carolina, when the federal grand jury meets. Later an indictment will be found here, and the inspector does not expect to have any difficulty in obtaining a conviction in both instances, as he not only claims to have absolute proof besides the confession, which was made in the presence of Jail Guard Cohen.

In addition to being a clever money order crook Harris is a slight-of-hand performer and has a reputation in several counties where he has given performances. He maintains an elaborate wardrobe and keeps trunks in several towns where he visits on tour. He is a lightning change artist. He has been known to appear at a post-office wearing overalls and old clothes, with dirt-begrimed face and hands, and present a money order within ten minutes after a public appearance in the street where he was dressed as a dude.

Inspector Knight has proof of one case where Harris raised a 19 cents money order to \$88.19 and cashed it at Cheraw, S. C., and where he presented, but didn't cash, another at Waynesboro that had been raised from 15 cents to \$38.15. Harris admits that he has several other orders he has not tried to cash. They are in Waynesboro in his grip. He gave the inspector the name of the woman with whom he left the grip and also an order on her for the grip, and Inspector Knight will go there for it.

The aviator who races with an express train knows full well that the train hasn't much chance of running him down.

Everything in Boston carries the atmosphere of the town. Even a theater there has been named the Puritan.